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ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF RELEASES SAMPLE AIMS TEST FOR GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT FOR SPRING 2005 TESTS

PHOENIX (Tuesday, January 18, 2005) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne today released sample AIMS tests for grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to assist students in preparing for testing in April. The AIMS test will be given for these grades, April 11-22, 2005.

“We are working very, very hard to make sure every student is prepared for the spring 2005 testing cycle,” said Tom Horne. “One of my initiatives for 2005 is making sure the schools are better prepared for testing and evaluation of the tests. Practice questions are a key element in effective preparations for tests, and this work should improve the percentage of students passing.”

Horne added: “Concurrently, while we are releasing the sample tests, Department staff is traveling around the state conducting test administration workshops for all the schools.”

For a copy of the sample AIMS test for grades three through eight, visit our website www.ade.az.gov and click on “Sample AIMS test Grades 3-8” under Hot Topics.

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